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## Important Monthly Indicators

INDUSTRIAL:	Apr. 1956	Apr. 1955	Mar. 1956
Anthracite Production (net tons).....*	2,223	1,734	2,029
Bituminous Coal Prod. (net tons).....*	40,580	34,555	43,090
Construction Contracts (\$1).....*	2,421,497	2,322,085	2,382,000
Copper Production ref. (net tons).....*	140,032	122,129	144,027
Copper Deliveries ref. (net tons).....*	139,927	120,205	141,590
Industrial Production (FEB) 1947-49=100	142.0	131.0	141.0
Mfg. Employment (BLS).....1947-49=100	105.9	103.6	106.4
Mfg. Payrolls (BLS).....1947-49=100	156.8	146.7	158.3
Newsprint Production (net tons).....*	656,711	641,300	701,866
Newsprint Shipments (net tons).....*	644,739	663,370	682,067
Pig Iron Production (net tons).....*	6,925	6,385	7,149
Rayon Yarn Deliveries (pounds).....*	58,100	77,500	66,300
Rubber Consumption (long tons).....*	N. A.	125,086	128,135
Steel Ingot Production (net tons).....*	10,547	9,815	10,925
Zinc Production (net tons).....*	88,664	83,876	91,690
Zinc Shipments (net tons).....*	74,788	89,589	84,204
	Mar. 1956	Mar. 1955	Feb. 1956
Coke Production (net tons).....*	6,887	6,232	6,476
Cotton Consumption (bales).....*	916,400	893,200	760,600
Electricity Production (kw-hours).....*	57,404	51,153	54,630
Lead Production prim. (net tons).....*	54,174	50,308	49,475
Lead Shipments prim. (net tons).....*	39,344	42,381	39,411
Motor Vehicles, Factory Sales (units).....*	689,984	894,597	663,586
Tires - Production (units).....*	9,194	10,083	8,897
Tires - Shipments (units).....*	8,627	9,907	7,473
Wool Consumption (pounds).....*	38,700	37,400	41,700
	Feb. 1956	Feb. 1955	Jan. 1956
Cement Production (barrels).....*	19,578	17,611	21,440
Cement Shipments (barrels).....*	15,929	13,806	13,273
Cigarette Production (units).....*	30,733	28,655	32,871
Gasoline Production (barrels).....*	111,754	102,342	121,733
Petroleum Production (barrels).....*	209,027	191,392	223,160
Petroleum Consumption (barrels).....*	233,374	211,365	248,721
	Apr. 1956	Apr. 1955	Mar. 1956
FINANCIAL:			
Bank Debts, Total U. S. (\$1).....*	176,760	158,296	189,804
Bank Debts, N. Y. C. (\$1).....*	65,715	57,634	73,214
Bank Debts, Outside N.Y.C. (\$1).....*	111,045	100,662	116,590
Bond Sales, N.Y. Stock Ex. (\$1).....*	98,379	80,570	99,987
Bond Sales, Am. Stock Ex. (\$1).....*	1,510	1,920	3,650
Bond Sales, Municipal (\$1).....*	370,305	429,030	400,650
Fire Losses (\$1).....*	84,624	78,632	89,315
Life Insurance Sales (\$1).....*	4,208	5,645	4,612
Stock Sales N.Y. Stock Ex. (shares).....*	54,106	53,788	60,363
Stock Sales Am. Stock Ex. (shares).....*	25,130	17,470	27,570
	Mar. 1956	Mar. 1955	Feb. 1956
Merchandise Exports U. S. (\$1).....*	1,550,000	1,343,600	1,353,800
Merchandise Imports U. S. (\$1).....*	1,099,000	1,019,300	1,049,300
Railway Earnings, Gross (\$1).....*	888,965	827,432	814,236
Railway Earnings, Net Op. Inc. (\$1).....*	88,976	98,564	67,309
Retail Sales (\$1).....*	15,900	14,700	13,700
Wholesale Sales (\$1).....*	10,200	9,700	9,500
Manufacturing Sales (\$1).....*	28,500	27,600	26,500
Retail Inventories (\$1).....*	24,500	23,500	23,800
Wholesale Inventories (\$1).....*	12,600	11,600	12,600
Manufacturing Inventories (\$1).....*	47,600	43,500	47,200
(*) 000 Omitted. (†) 000,000 Omitted.			

## Bank Clearings for Individual Cities—April 1956 and 1955

	(Thousands of dollars)		
	APR. 1956	APR. 1955	% Change MAR. 1956
Boston.....	2,856,052	2,607,482	+ 9.5
Philadelphia.....	5,306,000	4,873,000	+ 8.9
Buffalo.....	568,013	524,764	+ 8.2
Pittsburgh.....	1,926,963	1,626,762	+ 18.5
Cleveland.....	2,401,348	2,057,408	+ 16.7
Cincinnati.....	1,197,047	1,059,028	+ 13.0
Baltimore.....	1,551,182	1,344,912	+ 15.3
Richmond.....	779,043	710,116	+ 9.7
Atlanta.....	1,600,000	1,480,600	+ 8.1
New Orleans.....	775,687	744,582	+ 4.2
Memphis.....	546,284	502,243	+ 8.8
Chicago.....	4,726,282	4,230,332	+ 11.7
Detroit.....	3,099,673	2,897,964	+ 7.0
St. Louis.....	1,626,548	1,438,726	+ 13.1
Louisville.....	818,100	727,892	+ 12.4
Minneapolis.....	1,524,464	1,404,331	+ 8.6
Kansas City.....	1,651,057	1,619,399	+ 2.0
Omaha.....	615,255	585,890	+ 5.1
Denver.....	744,961	655,890	+ 13.6
Dallas.....	1,879,643	1,739,153	+ 8.1
Houston.....	1,625,247	1,473,758	+ 10.3
Los Angeles.....	3,859,695	3,501,137	+ 10.2
San Francisco.....	2,822,942	2,552,730	+ 10.6
Portland, Ore.....	762,749	759,996	+ 0.4
Seattle.....	763,453	739,307	+ 3.3
Total 25 Cities.....	46,035,132	41,886,767	+ 9.9
New York.....	45,032,209	41,672,641	+ 8.1
Total 26 Cities.....	91,068,341	83,559,408	+ 9.0

## Bank Clearings for Individual Cities—4 Months 1956, 1955 and 1954

	4 MONTHS 1956	4 MONTHS 1955	% Change	4 MONTHS 1954
Boston.....	11,383,918	10,638,835	+ 7.0	9,986,165
Philadelphia.....	20,782,000	19,709,000	+ 5.4	18,725,000
Buffalo.....	2,303,216	2,152,272	+ 7.0	1,985,926
Pittsburgh.....	7,720,914	6,554,045	+ 17.8	6,341,831
Cleveland.....	9,483,699	8,064,115	+ 17.6	7,951,526
Cincinnati.....	4,747,994	4,299,051	+ 10.4	4,224,691
Baltimore.....	5,980,287	5,432,841	+ 10.1	5,017,096
Richmond.....	3,200,118	2,957,689	+ 8.2	2,812,665
Atlanta.....	3,190,900	5,893,800	+ 5.0	5,334,100
New Orleans.....	2,998,180	3,053,782	+ 8.0	2,894,996
Memphis.....	2,200,824	2,048,865	+ 7.4	2,051,527
Chicago.....	18,601,989	15,830,495	+ 10.5	15,688,610
Detroit, Mich.....	12,783,823	11,519,641	+ 11.0	10,417,480
St. Louis.....	6,345,552	5,906,754	+ 7.4	5,692,832
Louisville.....	3,323,823	3,064,229	+ 8.5	2,878,526
Minneapolis.....	6,225,780	5,670,087	+ 9.9	5,437,387
Kansas City.....	6,699,927	6,482,460	+ 3.4	6,095,510
Omaha.....	2,530,463	2,514,072	+ 0.7	2,495,510
Denver.....	2,936,352	2,646,670	+ 10.9	2,411,471
Dallas.....	7,515,969	6,948,676	+ 8.2	6,378,713
Houston.....	6,876,909	6,034,013	+ 14.0	5,428,238
Los Angeles.....	15,443,840	13,849,012	+ 11.5	12,072,658
San Francisco.....	10,980,029	9,979,778	+ 10.0	8,841,011
Portland, Ore.....	3,045,023	2,902,962	+ 4.9	2,553,511
Seattle.....	3,140,702	2,980,482	+ 5.4	2,705,077
Total 25 Cities.....	183,742,231	168,133,626	+ 9.3	156,149,840
New York.....	181,538,703	176,725,605	+ 1.6	174,624,068
Total 26 Cities.....	365,280,934	346,859,231	+ 5.3	330,774,908

## Summary of Bank Clearings—Monthly—1953 to Date

(Millions of dollars)

	Total 26 United States Cities				New York City				Total 25 Cities Excluding N. Y. C.			
	1956	1955	1954	1953	1956	1955	1954	1953	1956	1955	1954	1953
January.....	96,104	87,462	80,946	79,037	47,789	45,004	42,599	39,082	48,314	42,458	38,347	39,955
February.....	82,375	80,569	76,130	68,623	39,550	42,646	40,866	33,899	42,825	37,943	35,264	34,724
March.....	95,734	95,249	90,883	83,913	49,167	49,403	47,723	41,689	46,568	41,289	37,746	39,959
April.....	91,068	83,559	82,815	79,149	45,033	41,673	43,437	39,190	46,035	41,887	39,378	39,959
May.....	86,047	79,771	75,787	71,871	42,099	42,435	37,671	33,671	43,948	37,336	38,116	38,116
June.....	91,966	89,211	82,121	75,787	46,545	47,566	41,717	39,930	45,421	41,645	40,404	40,404
July.....	83,362	83,729	80,394	75,787	41,017	44,207	39,930	39,930	42,345	39,522	40,464	40,464
August.....	86,995	82,817	71,871	71,871	41,453	43,345	34,435	34,435	45,443	39,472	37,436	37,436
September.....	86,612	80,283	77,912	77,912	42,020	40,710	39,003	39,003	44,592	39,573	38,909	38,909
October.....	90,642	83,176	80,716	80,716	44,905	43,134	39,967	39,967	45,737	40,042	40,749	40,749
November.....	88,603	84,476	75,948	75,948	43,333	43,079	37,535	37,535	45,270	41,397	38,413	38,413
December.....	97,510	98,823	88,142	88,142	50,787	52,928	46,171	46,171	46,724	45,895	41,971	41,971
Total.....	1,058,596	1,013,060	943,613	943,613	530,883	532,029	470,289	470,289	527,712	481,031	473,324	473,324

## Summary of Industrial and Commercial Failures—Monthly—1953 to Date

	Number of Failures				Current Liabilities (000 Omitted)				Total Liabilities (000 Omitted)			
	1956	1955	1954	1953	1956	1955	1954	1953	1956	1955	1954	1953
January.....	1,048	939	867	647	\$42,890	\$37,872	\$29,592	\$23,309	\$43,712	\$39,000	\$29,906	\$23,760
February.....	1,024	877	926	691	49,189	42,056	47,774	27,273	49,436	42,194	47,909	27,325
March.....	1,170	1,038	1,102	739	41,209	57,280	57,280	31,082	43,643	41,289	57,746	31,584
April.....	985	903	975	693	41,871	35,968	42,812	27,520	42,666	36,299	43,160	28,152
May.....	955	955	943	697	34,714	38,494	32,789	32,789	34,840	39,068	33,032	33,032
June.....	914	965	817	717	36,667	41,613	32,379	32,379	37,171	41,615	32,454	32,454
July.....	861	856	724	724	32,543	32,230	39,830	39,830	32,706	32,725	40,334	40,334
August.....	888	912	700	700	36,028	32,582	28,529	28,529	36,425	32,712	30,194	30,194
September.....	822	819	686	686	33,120	36,381	33,817	33,817	34,777	37,757	34,050	34,050
October.....	819	871	871	871	34,777	29,000	37,072	37,072	34,777	29,308	37,298	37,298
November.....	945	933	815	815	42,783	35,067	36,795	36,795	43,073	36,780	36,996	36,996
December.....	908	917	813	813	41,643	40,103	43,754	43,754	42,008	40,925	45,088	45,088
Total.....	10,969	11,086	8,862	8,862	\$449,380	\$462,628	\$394,153	\$394,153	\$453,130	\$469,611	\$400,467	\$400,467

# United States Wholesale Commodity Price Index

BUUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

INDEX OF WHOLESALE COMMODITY PRICES (REVISED) 1947-49=100

Group:	Apr. 1956	Mar. 1956	Feb. 1956	Apr. 1955
ALL COMMODITIES.....	113.7	112.8	112.4	110.5
Farm Products.....	88.0	86.6	86.0	94.2
Processed Foods.....	100.5	99.2	99.0	102.5
All Commodities Other Than				
Farm Products and Foods.....	121.7	121.0	120.6	115.7
Textile Products and Apparel.....	95.4	95.9	96.0	95.0
Hides, Skins & Leather Products.....	100.5	97.7	97.1	93.2
Fuel, Power & Lighting Materials.....	111.5	110.9	111.2	107.4
Chemicals and Allied Products.....	106.9	106.5	106.4	107.1
Metals and Metal Products.....	147.6	146.5	145.1	132.9
Machinery and Motive Products.....	135.6	134.7	133.9	126.3
Furniture, Other Household Durables.....	118.0	118.1	118.2	115.1
Non-Metallic Minerals - Structural.....	129.7	127.9	127.1	122.3
Rubber and Products.....	145.0	146.2	147.1	138.3
Lumber and Products.....	128.5	128.0	126.7	122.4
Pulp, Paper and Allied Products.....	127.3	126.8	125.4	117.4
Tobacco Mfrs. & Bottle Beverages.....	121.7	121.7	121.7	121.6
Miscellaneous.....	92.1	88.2	88.6	94.0

# United States Consumer Price Index (Cost of Living)

BUUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

Revised Series: 1947-49 = 100

Group:	Apr. 1956	Mar. 1956	Feb. 1956	Apr. 1955
ALL ITEMS.....	114.9	114.7	114.6	114.2
Food.....	109.6	109.0	108.8	111.2
Housing.....	120.8	120.7	120.7	119.5
Apparel.....	104.8	104.8	104.6	103.1
Transportation.....	126.4	126.7	126.9	125.3
Medical Care.....	131.6	131.4	130.9	127.3
Personal Care.....	119.5	119.2	118.9	113.7
Reading and Recreation.....	108.2	107.7	107.5	106.6
Other Goods and Services.....	121.4	121.2	120.9	119.8

# Dun & Bradstreet Wholesale Food Price Index—1954 to Date

	1956	1955	1954
Jan. 3.....	\$5.95	Jan. 4.....	\$6.75
Jan. 10.....	5.92	Jan. 11.....	6.81
Jan. 17.....	5.86	Jan. 18.....	6.84
Jan. 24.....	5.89	Jan. 25.....	6.88
Jan. 31.....	5.95	Feb. 1.....	6.85
Feb. 7.....	5.90	Feb. 8.....	6.77
Feb. 14.....	5.94	Feb. 15.....	6.69
Feb. 21.....	5.93	Feb. 22.....	6.65
Feb. 28.....	5.95	Mar. 1.....	6.63
Mar. 6.....	5.94	Mar. 8.....	6.55
Mar. 13.....	5.96	Mar. 15.....	6.53
Mar. 20.....	5.93	Mar. 22.....	6.55
Mar. 27.....	5.89	Mar. 29.....	6.52
Apr. 3.....	5.96	Apr. 5.....	6.49
Apr. 10.....	5.96	Apr. 12.....	6.54
Apr. 17.....	6.01	Apr. 19.....	6.52
Apr. 24.....	6.04	Apr. 26.....	6.42
May 1.....	6.04	May 3.....	6.38
May 8.....	6.03	May 10.....	6.39
May 15.....	6.14	May 17.....	6.37
May 22.....	6.11	May 24.....	6.34
May 29.....	6.11	May 31.....	6.33
June 5.....	6.11	June 7.....	6.39
June 12.....	6.11	June 14.....	6.51
June 19.....	6.11	June 21.....	6.49
June 26.....	6.11	June 28.....	6.42
July 3.....	6.11	July 5.....	6.33
July 10.....	6.11	July 12.....	6.26
July 17.....	6.11	July 19.....	6.17
July 24.....	6.11	July 26.....	6.17
July 31.....	6.11	Aug. 2.....	6.21
Aug. 7.....	6.11	Aug. 9.....	6.24
Aug. 14.....	6.11	Aug. 16.....	6.23
Aug. 21.....	6.11	Aug. 23.....	6.21
Aug. 28.....	6.11	Aug. 30.....	6.15
Sept. 4.....	6.11	Sept. 6.....	6.19
Sept. 11.....	6.11	Sept. 13.....	6.26
Sept. 18.....	6.11	Sept. 20.....	6.25
Sept. 25.....	6.11	Sept. 27.....	6.28
Oct. 2.....	6.11	Oct. 4.....	6.17
Oct. 9.....	6.11	Oct. 11.....	6.11
Oct. 16.....	6.11	Oct. 18.....	6.08
Oct. 23.....	6.11	Oct. 25.....	6.05
Oct. 30.....	6.11	Nov. 1.....	6.02
Nov. 6.....	6.11	Nov. 8.....	6.00
Nov. 13.....	6.11	Nov. 15.....	6.04
Nov. 20.....	6.11	Nov. 22.....	6.02
Nov. 27.....	6.11	Nov. 29.....	5.99
Dec. 4.....	6.11	Dec. 6.....	5.99
Dec. 11.....	6.11	Dec. 13.....	5.96
Dec. 18.....	6.11	Dec. 20.....	5.96
Dec. 25.....	6.11	Dec. 27.....	5.97
Average.....	6.11	Average.....	\$6.34
			\$7.50

Notes: The Wholesale Food Price Index represents the sum total of the price per pound of 31 foodstuffs in general use.

# Daily Wholesale Price Index of 30 Basic Commodities

Compiled by Dun & Bradstreet, Inc., from wholesale quotations furnished by the United Press Associations. (1930-32=100)

	May 1956	Apr. 1956	Mar. 1956	Feb. 1956	Jan. 1956
1.....	294.03	288.71	281.26	280.15	280.15
2.....	293.31	288.71	281.41	280.24	280.24
3.....	293.02	289.22	281.41	280.80	280.80
4.....	293.68	289.99	281.41	280.80	280.80
5.....	290.11	281.15	281.41	280.80	280.80
6.....	290.78	281.43	280.36	280.34	280.34
7.....	292.95	281.70	280.62	280.62	280.62
8.....	292.52	281.73	281.17	281.17	281.17
9.....	293.04	282.45	281.91	281.43	280.29
10.....	293.30	282.28	281.43	281.77	280.38
11.....	293.36	282.36	281.43	281.77	280.38
12.....	293.03	282.44	281.43	281.77	280.38
13.....	292.45	282.40	281.36	281.36	279.65
14.....	293.34	282.54	281.24	281.24	279.72
15.....	293.44	282.64	280.89	280.89	279.72
16.....	293.54	282.88	281.15	281.10	279.72
17.....	293.38	282.22	281.43	281.50	279.72
18.....	292.10	282.46	281.43	281.50	279.72
19.....	294.47	282.86	281.43	281.50	279.72
20.....	295.24	284.23	281.98	281.98	279.15
21.....	291.69	284.58	281.82	281.82	279.15
22.....	292.69	285.59	281.82	281.82	279.15
23.....	291.88	284.86	280.19	280.28	279.47
24.....	294.67	284.86	281.77	281.77	279.45
25.....	294.44	285.65	281.77	281.77	279.45
26.....	294.44	285.65	281.77	281.77	279.45
27.....	294.42	285.74	281.86	281.86	279.45
28.....	294.42	285.74	281.86	281.86	279.45
29.....	294.42	285.74	281.86	281.86	279.45
30.....	294.75	286.03	281.05	281.05	279.45
31.....	294.75	286.03	281.05	281.05	279.45
(*) Holiday					
(†) Sunday					
1956.....	295.24	Apr. 20	278.79	Jan. 17	
1955.....	280.79	Jan. 27	270.68	June 3	
1954.....	279.82	Dec. 28	270.72	June 30	
1953.....	284.18	July 23	274.04	Oct. 8	
1952.....	312.13	Jan. 5	280.05	Dec. 17	

# BUILDING PERMIT VALUES FOR 217 CITIES

April 1956 and 1955

The following table gives monthly building permit values by cities and by geographical regions. The figures represent estimated building costs under permits issued to prospective builders within the corporate limits of the cities enumerated. They include new residential and new non-residential buildings, as well as additions, alterations, and repairs. Land costs are not included. The data are compiled from reports furnished monthly to Dun & Bradstreet, Inc., by the building departments of the various cities.

	APRIL 1956	APRIL 1955	APRIL 1956		APRIL 1956	APRIL 1955	APRIL 1956
<b>New England:</b>				<b>South Atlantic:</b>			
Boston, Mass.....	\$10,228,898	\$4,578,377	\$1,079,485	Asheville, N. C.....	\$282,730	\$354,802	\$1,792,415
Bridgeport, Conn.....	835,190	1,239,525	864,300	Atlanta, Ga.....	3,847,345	5,257,219	5,207,323
Bristol, Conn.....	476,199	605,553	207,299	Augusta, Ga.....	343,769	1,187,491	299,156
Brockton, Mass.....	1,725,884	454,278	3,020,929	Baltimore, Md.....	4,719,558	9,337,482	5,721,384
Cambridge, Mass.....	490,583	1,169,924	517,615	Charleston, S. C.....	164,593	236,338	197,132
Chelsea, Mass.....	63,709	74,140	14,985	Charlotte, N. C.....	2,418,660	1,535,750	1,735,534
Everett, Mass.....	84,243	1,881,558	36,585	Coral Gables, Fla.....	1,109,268	1,494,708	989,349
Fall River, Mass.....	223,625	525,170	118,005	Greensboro, N. C.....	1,190,546	982,125	1,246,685
Fitchburg, Mass.....	76,855	350,615	44,250	Greenville, S. C.....	1,007,495	820,350	667,075
Greenwich, Conn.....	1,834,250	1,328,368	1,108,993	Jacksonville, Fla.....	1,435,795	1,874,307	1,290,774
Hartford, Conn.....	540,994	7,400,507	305,684	Macon, Ga.....	478,875	960,614	3,522,540
Haverhill, Mass.....	145,075	139,235	105,600	Miami, Fla.....	389,635	247,626	528,987
Holyoke, Mass.....	275,000	244,060	237,775	Miami Beach, Fla.....	4,728,192	3,871,429	4,311,517
Lawrence, Mass.....	479,043	322,460	159,475	Norfolk, Va.....	1,555,560	2,043,132	921,105
Lowell, Mass.....	375,365	274,595	607,250	Richmond, Va.....	7,095,292	959,676	875,578
Lynn, Mass.....	463,024	306,759	214,750	Rossmore, Va.....	1,265,184	2,466,223	1,999,980
Manchester, N. H.....	564,875	1,899,027	584,150	Savannah, Ga.....	445,850	305,160	5,223,003
Medford, Mass.....	105,600	234,500	216,500	Tampa, Fla.....	3,638,220	4,613,540	574,000
New Bedford, Mass.....	453,830	250,200	457,582	Washington, D. C.....	3,179,719	3,265,493	3,999,188
New Britain, Conn.....	581,950	449,750	133,350	Winston Salem, N. C.....	704,270	1,006,482	6,836,673
New Haven, Conn.....	779,342	875,428	392,378				1,152,086
Newton, Mass.....	696,600	1,135,630	389,060				
Norwalk, Conn.....	1,020,200	1,520,688	338,340	<b>Total So. Atlantic.....</b>			
Portland, Me.....	585,320	428,195	1,195,195		\$42,741,264	\$44,085,131	\$48,521,484
Providence, R. I.....	944,050	480,050	505,050	<b>East Central:</b>			
Quincy, Mass.....	571,451	330,303	256,393	Akron, Ohio.....	\$4,599,465	\$3,546,320	\$2,915,932
Salem, Mass.....	528,238	176,660	1,358,085	Bay City, Mich.....	956,246	430,940	216,000
Somerville, Mass.....	106,170	234,925	24,075	Berwyn, Ills.....	639,570	644,750	339,110
Springfield, Mass.....	1,314,518	1,814,400	1,313,015	Bluefield, W. Va.....	69,805	217,874	68,775
Stamford, Conn.....	1,483,850	1,691,388	1,112,720	Canton, Ohio.....	7,540,215	426,670	403,980
Waterbury, Conn.....	640,000	716,775	740,600	Chicago, Ills.....	37,632,845	23,277,400	26,667,448
West Hartford, Conn.....	5,009,987	1,013,919	957,639	Cincinnati, Ohio.....	9,161,175	3,415,740	2,616,690
Worcester, Mass.....	492,550	779,607	395,540	Clarksburg, W. Va.....	242,230	181,118	197,519
				Cleveland, Ohio.....	7,991,400	4,707,300	5,989,200
<b>Total New England.....</b>				Columbus, Ohio.....	3,715,125	3,304,695	3,477,610
	\$34,202,468	\$35,119,569	\$19,847,491	Dayton, Ohio.....	1,192,740	5,580,420	2,633,705
				Detroit, Mich.....	7,540,093	9,333,534	8,335,991
<b>Middle Atlantic:</b>				East St. Louis, Ills.....	453,000	230,450	469,000
Manhattan.....	\$1,520,000	\$14,996,047	\$15,865,800	Evansville, Ind.....	1,164,169	1,731,471	796,632
Manhattan.....	5,972,875	2,138,550	2,721,160	Evansville, Ind.....	575,480	421,299	21,348
Brooklyn.....	4,404,200	2,022,900	10,307,150	Flint, Mich.....	2,302,050	4,709,755	2,266,385
Brooklyn.....	929,150	273,005	496,000	Fort Wayne, Ind.....	1,755,137	1,424,205	538,556
Brooklyn.....	7,679,400	12,196,280	4,981,750	Gary, Ind.....	2,777,004	1,756,664	1,137,067
Brooklyn.....	1,842,475	2,014,075	3,891,720	Grand Rapids, Mich.....	1,234,015	846,085	1,042,935
Queens.....	3,576,250	14,789,275	11,531,562	Green Bay, Wisc.....	2,431,505	815,750	727,492
Queens.....	725,810	753,157	1,330,130	Hammond, Ind.....	1,958,978	1,633,095	1,237,381
Richmond.....	1,287,719	627,525	1,272,350	Huntington, W. Va.....	738,398	440,923	419,849
Richmond.....	115,710	129,050	114,850	Indianapolis, Ind.....	3,316,706	2,715,000	1,850,242
				Lansing, Mich.....	1,327,599	1,084,583	805,875
<b>Total N. Y. City.....</b>				Lima, Ohio.....	888,358	232,375	176,625
	\$33,453,589	\$40,939,864	\$52,512,472	Louisville, Ky.....	4,696,155	2,291,599	3,219,637
<b>(*) Alterations:</b>				Madison, Wisc.....	1,302,445	1,152,525	1,160,667
Albany, N. Y.....	\$721,111	\$1,009,196	\$1,375,846	Milwaukee, Wisc.....	11,540,517	8,263,691	8,203,662
Allentown, Pa.....	2,069,525	743,440	1,421,350	Newark, Ohio.....	463,155	396,500	301,075
Altoona, Pa.....	392,372	140,654	200,263	Oak Park, Ills.....	359,539	293,410	111,624
Atlantic City, N. J.....	70,000	126,131	735,400	Peoria, Ills.....	633,625	622,010	1,471,009
Auburn, N. Y.....	190,300	220,550	260,700	Piquette, Mich.....	763,233	991,519	541,017
Bayonne, N. J.....	74,443	88,520	56,760	Quincy, Ills.....	272,897	605,476	540,598
Blaghamton, N. Y.....	203,749	259,315	501,589	Racine, Wisc.....	1,365,654	1,053,083	1,519,150
Buffalo, N. Y.....	1,783,499	1,406,758	1,210,135	Rockford, Ills.....	2,592,130	2,697,500	1,476,905
Camden, N. J.....	116,985	118,596	383,226	Saginaw, Mich.....	1,651,600	483,188	573,517
East Orange, N. J.....	168,873	89,183	48,166	South Bend, Ind.....	1,163,427	1,515,252	1,237,372
Elizabeth, N. J.....	481,440	56,467	141,625	Springfield, Ills.....	472,759	625,397	872,247
Elmira, N. Y.....	85,000	63,775	267,230	Springfield, Ohio.....	237,000	1,308,350	283,185
Erie, Pa.....	385,000	1,708,425	834,900	Superior, Wisc.....	311,544	105,382	422,815
Harrisburg, Pa.....	1,585,070	85,876	387,784	Terre Haute, Ind.....	41,750	47,895	663,802
Jamestown, N. Y.....	671,739	452,684	197,058	Toledo, Ohio.....	1,900,283	4,085,284	2,061,587
Jersey City, N. J.....	830,421	344,644	821,009	Waukegan, Ills.....	913,155	559,225	1,520,566
Lancaster, Pa.....	981,308	367,517	126,926	Wheeling, W. Va.....	243,800	497,200	273,250
Mount Vernon, N. Y.....	973,110	427,601	329,355	Youngstown, Ohio.....	1,573,627	1,497,279	1,831,479
Newark, N. J.....	6,272,825	529,572	439,175	Zanesville, Ohio.....	35,975	46,400	158,550
New Brunswick, N. J.....	993,245	111,123	286,000				
New Rochelle, N. Y.....	677,962	2,366,512	526,144	<b>Total East Central.....</b>			
Old Bridge, N. Y.....	897,883	671,110	745,492		\$127,956,638	\$102,254,681	\$93,982,006
Philadelphia, Pa.....	14,033,820	8,404,900	13,360,810	<b>South Central:</b>			
Pittsburgh, Pa.....	4,526,650	2,736,344	2,351,224	Abilene, Texas.....	\$1,506,482	\$1,764,265	\$4,321,221
Poughkeepsie, N. Y.....	1,210,959	161,752	80,045	Arlington, Texas.....	1,879,528	1,840,645	1,710,582
Reading, Pa.....	479,306	335,018	355,018	Austin, Texas.....	5,343,833	3,684,763	7,696,102
Rochester, N. Y.....	1,372,519	1,401,752	1,109,568	Beaumont, Texas.....	842,072	1,233,438	500,055
Schenectady, N. Y.....	146,062	908,929	124,420	Birmingham, Ala.....	3,522,939	3,181,834	4,479,335
Scranton, Pa.....	181,329	140,967	402,889	Chattanooga, Tenn.....	1,771,566	989,982	790,921
Syracuse, N. Y.....	1,935,900	3,270,340	1,395,900	Dallas, Texas.....	8,939,442	13,062,242	9,084,818
Troy, N. Y.....	191,190	36,727	90,215	El Paso, Texas.....	2,223,166	3,789,045	2,527,056
Utica, N. Y.....	160,550	258,150	971,000	Fort Smith, Ark.....	375,015	426,671	528,885
Waterbury, N. Y.....	101,324	114,224	47,776	Fort Worth, Texas.....	3,527,113	6,011,083	3,816,490
White Plains, N. Y.....	958,454	243,755	105,735	Galveston, Texas.....	1,268,085	334,750	132,951
Wilkes Barre, Pa.....	146,730	118,554	171,735	Houston, Texas.....	15,397,759	10,074,989	15,092,148
Williamsport, Pa.....	150,558	147,349	466,334	Jackson, Miss.....	1,616,566	918,459	861,525
Wilmington, Del.....	673,095	566,952	2,606,815	Knoxville, Tenn.....	799,998	737,813	1,110,891
Yonkers, N. Y.....	1,074,244	1,417,980	373,202	Little Rock, Ark.....	843,738	1,243,178	1,215,617
York, Pa.....	165,709	156,317		Memphis, Tenn.....	4,950,288	4,254,589	4,395,031
				Mobile, Ala.....	812,123	1,803,244	1,022,353
<b>Total Middle Atl.....</b>							
	\$82,912,848	\$81,747,900	\$88,316,461				

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	APRIL 1956	APRIL 1955	MARCH 1956		APRIL 1956	APRIL 1955	MARCH 1956
So. Cent. (Cont.)				Mountain:			
Montgomery, Ala.....	\$1,862,078	\$1,275,540	\$856,136	Albuquerque, N. M....	\$2,397,497	\$4,352,902	\$2,483,552
Muskogee, Okla.....	161,250	151,100	142,250	Billings, Mont.....	585,400	535,600	1,090,000
Nashville, Tenn.....	1,045,947	1,241,698	846,355	Boise, Idaho.....	442,992	477,092	377,618
New Orleans, La.....	6,642,185	4,492,966	10,366,548	Butte, Mont.....	166,115	66,544	61,986
Oklahoma City, Okla...	3,142,805	5,992,105	2,795,465	Colorado Springs, Col	1,492,890	1,935,140	1,879,018
Port Arthur, Texas...	386,838	208,683	501,457	Denver, Col.....	9,960,400	8,585,700	8,373,225
San Angelo, Texas...	670,238	458,094	653,142	Great Falls, Mont...	472,720	911,543	1,284,181
San Antonio, Texas...	5,130,591	5,048,681	5,056,673	Hogden, Utah.....	1,553,600	1,120,300	1,132,000
Shreveport, La.....	2,383,946	8,461,541	2,158,206	Phoenix, Ariz.....	1,460,250	1,540,767	2,789,216
Tulsa, Okla.....	1,193,000	4,018,212	2,083,610	Pueblo, Col.....	506,973	620,828	1,354,459
Waco, Texas.....	2,187,680	1,099,940	1,681,428	Salt Lake City, Utah	2,015,337	2,219,307	2,513,430
Wichita Falls, Texas...	714,280	1,344,364	583,364	Tucson, Ariz.....	986,920	922,352	1,106,720
Total So. Central...	\$83,340,551	\$95,164,823	\$87,614,619	Total Mountain.....	\$22,036,024	\$23,286,665	\$24,454,605
West Central:				Pacific:			
Cedar Rapids, Iowa...	\$2,419,903	\$1,026,067	\$1,151,740	Bakersfield, Cal....	\$1,240,204	\$892,568	\$1,537,180
Davenport, Iowa.....	1,083,165	1,469,218	2,019,045	Berkeley, Cal.....	1,212,045	1,315,486	168,562
Des Moines, Iowa.....	2,181,334	2,587,086	2,506,797	Beverly Hills, Cal...	1,079,523	981,113	350,842
Dubuque, Iowa.....	457,343	410,356	279,603	Fresno, Cal.....	1,730,381	4,149,625	2,462,608
Duluth, Minn.....	1,367,234	526,855	535,308	Glendale, Cal.....	1,519,776	2,167,234	1,546,666
Fargo, N. D.....	980,635	1,698,055	91,100	Los Angeles, Cal....	36,499,805	35,186,162	40,182,690
Kansas City, Kas.....	519,538	296,472	1,344,419	Oakland, Cal.....	3,938,634	2,493,976	3,210,475
Kansas City, Mo.....	4,600,000	6,070,000	4,975,000	Pasadena, Cal.....	1,398,262	1,766,772	2,741,543
Lincoln, Neb.....	1,229,247	1,807,954	1,508,970	Portland, Ore.....	5,302,375	4,538,565	4,295,520
Minneapolis, Minn...	4,133,687	8,579,625	2,140,601	Sacramento, Cal....	3,384,584	2,296,318	2,596,933
Omaha, Neb.....	3,775,325	2,462,708	2,899,940	San Diego, Cal.....	8,588,699	6,125,265	10,711,618
St. Joseph, Mo.....	623,725	839,985	277,150	San Francisco, Cal...	5,515,256	4,830,984	4,460,900
St. Louis, Mo.....	3,796,324	5,946,255	3,353,044	San Jose, Cal.....	5,270,810	5,176,739	5,848,274
St. Paul, Minn.....	3,485,279	3,142,919	3,497,660	Seattle, Wash.....	8,339,605	6,259,905	6,857,290
Sioux City, Iowa...	582,650	444,250	609,375	Spokane, Wash.....	2,683,552	2,689,176	2,676,239
Sioux Falls, S. D....	1,263,922	1,744,756	735,160	Stockton, Cal.....	1,690,687	758,635	1,070,788
Topeka, Kas.....	651,711	852,180	711,270	Tacoma, Wash.....	1,543,342	886,810	1,253,768
Wichita, Kas.....	3,014,291	5,740,894	2,588,322	Total Pacific.....	\$94,737,762	\$93,209,258	\$109,355,083
Total West Central...	\$36,165,613	\$46,303,002	\$31,041,504	Total 215 Cities....	\$224,093,168	\$221,173,029	\$203,133,253

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New England:				Middle Atl. (Cont.)			
Boston, Mass.....	\$18,135,566	\$12,566,235	\$8,385,954	Auburn, N. Y.....	\$605,059	\$434,245	\$171,800
Bridgport, Conn.....	3,260,230	3,279,860	1,374,955	Bayonne, N. J.....	281,443	1,193,280	471,474
Bristol, Conn.....	1,463,414	1,518,537	1,451,150	Binghamton, N. Y...	887,128	781,935	797,906
Brookline, Mass.....	5,473,068	2,462,708	2,414,582	Buffalo, N. Y.....	4,350,094	6,276,199	4,077,847
Cambridge, Mass.....	1,341,813	2,832,080	1,035,534	Camden, N. J.....	824,186	743,216	1,180,778
Chelsea, Mass.....	171,029	145,736	128,556	East Orange, N. J...	3,552,957	392,899	816,634
Everett, Mass.....	200,889	2,317,468	1,070,193	Elizabeth, N. J....	1,147,194	1,080,885	3,721,900
Fall River, Mass.....	515,955	881,478	518,011	Elmira, N. Y.....	433,280	524,569	1,674,617
Fitchburg, Mass.....	243,510	447,085	2,020,040	Elm, Pa.....	2,533,810	4,351,225	3,080,992
Greenwich, Conn.....	4,484,197	3,740,318	5,362,887	Harrisburg, Pa.....	2,634,909	7,065,473	9,306,082
Hartford, Conn.....	2,050,174	17,231,437	3,676,982	Jamestown, N. Y...	936,677	2,630,203	722,356
Haverhill, Mass.....	304,750	580,990	342,720	Jersey City, N. J...	2,196,616	3,223,242	823,525
Holyoke, Mass.....	683,450	996,410	515,825	Lancaster, Pa.....	1,374,059	1,113,907	1,679,665
Lawrence, Mass.....	982,013	780,185	236,960	Mount Vernon, N. Y.	2,324,752	2,618,827	886,921
Lowell, Mass.....	1,360,875	729,685	510,445	Newark, N. J.....	13,269,787	2,553,974	12,298,532
Lynn, Mass.....	1,033,124	969,609	2,125,052	New Brunswick, N. J.	1,494,645	4,215,458	622,277
Manchester, N. H....	1,929,734	3,420,008	1,491,233	New Rochelle, N. Y.	2,692,518	7,180,438	4,998,567
Medford, Mass.....	496,010	728,350	849,450	Niagara Falls, N. Y.	2,710,944	2,470,167	9,240,924
New Bedford, Mass...	2,276,466	726,570	924,464	Philadelphia, Pa...	40,413,860	43,409,370	54,532,800
New Britain, Conn...	1,301,050	1,685,950	951,005	Pittsburgh, Pa.....	10,300,631	19,443,231	10,844,050
New Haven, Conn...	2,453,128	4,007,964	4,910,949	Poughkeepsie, N. Y.	1,757,315	468,486	375,311
Newton, Mass.....	1,364,315	2,537,330	3,188,133	Reading, Pa.....	1,319,062	1,946,164	1,670,440
Norwalk, Conn.....	3,638,584	4,693,081	2,772,106	Rochester, N. Y...	3,282,149	6,245,865	6,014,084
Portland, Me.....	2,466,548	1,745,541	680,404	Schenectady, N. Y...	1,339,833	1,356,148	910,448
Providence, R. I....	2,056,950	2,790,950	1,253,400	Scranton, Pa.....	1,086,368	1,425,218	828,980
Quincy, Mass.....	1,363,960	1,419,958	1,976,217	Syracuse, N. Y....	5,106,840	6,019,725	5,542,191
Salem, Mass.....	2,249,118	1,070,080	478,415	Troy, N. Y.....	468,950	443,563	389,653
Somerville, Mass...	262,316	324,510	200,096	Utica, N. Y.....	1,192,050	539,250	437,490
Springfield, Mass...	6,619,754	5,121,226	5,319,944	Watertown, N. Y...	277,991	236,314	167,810
Stamford, Conn.....	4,884,063	5,062,077	4,744,018	White Plains, N. Y.	5,570,769	1,835,117	3,641,311
Waterbury, Conn.....	2,092,830	2,509,779	1,889,500	Wilkes Barre, Pa...	508,441	870,840	694,555
West Hartford, Conn	7,714,187	3,406,137	3,940,415	Williamsport, Pa...	655,724	503,006	355,973
Worcester, Mass.....	2,047,120	1,941,994	4,121,050	Williamston, Del...	2,156,839	3,173,155	4,204,613
Total New England...	\$86,951,190	\$94,771,326	\$70,860,645	Yonkers, N. Y.....	5,732,683	4,476,250	4,533,375
Middle Atlantic:				York, Pa.....	900,777	554,379	526,163
Manhattan.....	\$108,299,798	\$78,474,986	\$85,089,275	Total Middle Atl....	\$375,707,587	\$357,138,327	\$387,313,221
Manhattan.....†	14,022,085	8,958,390	17,535,095	South Atlantic:			
Bronx.....	24,397,000	10,933,842	13,595,235	Asheville, N. C....	\$2,651,731	\$1,067,358	\$1,380,964
Bronx.....†	2,431,385	2,285,173	2,751,510	Atlanta, Ga.....	17,829,799	27,835,956	19,236,100
Brooklyn.....	22,385,950	32,821,730	41,828,439	Augusta, Ga.....	1,475,779	2,783,765	1,548,757
Brooklyn.....†	8,970,865	7,086,700	9,030,950	Baltimore, Md.....	23,761,338	33,059,150	23,192,250
Queens.....	46,350,683	49,167,608	58,034,152	Charleston, S. C...	745,042	775,211	1,661,704
Queens.....†	5,410,815	4,153,722	6,197,300	Charlotte, N. C...	8,309,591	9,061,946	6,304,390
Richmond.....	4,163,419	3,393,580	2,591,159	Coral Gables, Fla...	3,867,900	4,999,344	4,922,542
Richmond.....†	442,565	352,535	572,307	Greensboro, N. C...	4,971,056	3,618,105	4,227,420
Total New York City.	\$236,874,565	\$206,628,286	\$237,225,782	Greenville, S. C...	2,851,476	2,275,148	2,765,645
(6) New York.	(†) Alterations.			Jacksonville, Fla...	6,699,810	6,008,879	24,545,531
Albany, N. Y.....	\$2,747,032	\$4,290,398	\$1,641,729	Lynchburg, Va.....	4,868,010	3,546,617	2,046,707
Allentown, Pa.....	5,987,560	3,417,990	1,996,730	Memphis, Tenn...	1,552,482	927,281	1,661,257
Altoona, Pa.....	956,168	478,670	423,809	Miami, Fla.....	16,029,797	18,361,965	14,224,471
Atlantic City, N. J.	2,802,522	526,778	782,823	Miami Beach, Fla...	3,791,078	11,003,526	6,657,673
				Norfolk, Va.....	4,562,719	4,281,701	5,625,252

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	4 MONTHS 1956	4 MONTHS 1955	4 MONTHS 1954		4 MONTHS 1956	4 MONTHS 1955	4 MONTHS 1954
South Atl. (Cont.)				South Cent. (Cont.)			
Richmond, Va.....	\$11,938,435	\$6,999,108	\$7,613,907	Mobile, Ala.....	\$4,513,956	\$6,249,736	\$4,596,464
Roanoke, Va.....	10,446,657	4,106,843	5,101,468	Montgomery, Ala.....	5,056,851	5,350,571	4,765,665
Savannah, Ga.....	1,740,484	1,990,925	6,071,608	Muskogee, Okla.....	459,600	371,400	217,150
Tampa, Fla.....	18,997,277	17,037,160	13,335,203	Nashville, Tenn.....	3,865,346	4,169,536	3,013,626
Washington, D. C.....	16,942,886	23,395,260	20,536,828	New Orleans, La.....	31,456,618	45,604,573	15,231,580
Winston Salem, N. C.	4,597,219	3,899,150	4,939,862	Oklahoma City, Okla.	11,575,036	17,751,912	19,400,778
Total South Atl.....	\$168,639,566	\$187,944,402	\$176,037,639	Port Arthur, Texas...	1,640,416	1,861,235	1,165,099
East Central:				San Antonio, Texas...	2,439,456	2,841,660	3,444,734
Akron, Ohio.....	\$14,564,671	\$10,617,029	\$8,416,692	San Antonio, Texas...	26,474,699	21,595,414	14,941,514
Bay City, Mich.....	1,503,594	1,141,034	1,263,672	Shreveport, La.....	10,248,602	14,352,326	6,823,441
Berwyn, Ills.....	1,235,479	1,879,968	1,546,991	Tulsa, Okla.....	6,205,510	8,941,672	7,055,750
Bluefield, W. Va.....	206,245	635,595	311,320	Waco, Texas.....	5,896,269	5,038,631	4,226,729
Canton, Ohio.....	2,142,668	1,715,847	1,256,123	Wichita Falls, Texas...	3,174,900	4,477,740	2,992,666
Chicago, Ills.....	111,939,587	77,974,100	64,270,750	Total South Cent.....	\$338,519,072	\$368,236,557	\$266,238,935
Cincinnati, Ohio.....	17,593,795	12,198,010	21,831,545	West Central:			
Clarksburg, W. Va....	545,487	673,238	1,208,167	Cedar Rapids, Iowa...	\$5,425,181	\$4,647,934	\$2,073,741
Cleveland, Ohio.....	24,083,400	19,343,300	19,559,100	Davenport, Iowa.....	3,927,176	3,084,418	2,986,430
Columbus, Ohio.....	11,670,105	10,269,705	10,301,810	Des Moines, Iowa.....	6,488,001	11,045,741	7,410,654
Dayton, Ohio.....	6,517,179	11,655,053	6,218,428	Dubuque, Iowa.....	2,251,384	1,249,014	864,424
Detroit, Mich.....	32,582,826	44,539,258	36,979,906	Duluth, Minn.....	2,180,164	2,354,650	810,853
East St. Louis, Ills...	1,867,900	1,128,070	2,018,984	Fargo, N. D.....	1,145,660	2,129,665	1,171,200
Evansville, Ind.....	3,716,562	4,338,096	3,455,375	Kansas City, Kas.....	3,198,323	3,549,558	2,986,324
Evansville, Ind.....	1,548,562	1,606,366	1,564,975	Kansas City, Mo.....	14,540,000	23,545,000	19,092,000
Flint, Mich.....	7,940,455	9,490,900	10,061,900	Lincoln, Neb.....	4,363,878	5,427,884	4,394,783
Fort Wayne, Ind.....	4,679,877	6,179,957	10,402,011	Minneapolis, Minn...	8,560,540	14,409,554	8,785,456
Gary, Ind.....	5,950,834	4,817,715	9,030,358	Omaha, Neb.....	10,214,420	7,357,542	6,453,489
Grand Rapids, Mich...	3,296,565	3,151,210	2,490,861	St. Joseph, Mo.....	1,248,675	2,422,632	506,540
Green Bay, Wis.....	4,119,623	7,643,074	2,072,420	St. Louis, Mo.....	11,733,956	21,117,845	22,001,629
Hammond, Ind.....	6,225,640	4,723,917	5,338,396	St. Paul, Minn.....	9,498,379	9,650,203	10,551,027
Huntington, W. Va....	1,530,934	1,491,871	1,494,024	Sioux City, Iowa.....	1,729,725	1,159,550	1,383,905
Indianapolis, Ind.....	10,399,646	7,872,606	10,874,053	Sioux Falls, S. D....	2,495,996	2,946,298	1,839,301
Lansing, Mich.....	3,705,859	7,299,528	3,010,953	Topeka, Kas.....	2,422,941	2,396,881	4,135,541
Lima, Ohio.....	1,297,658	885,150	635,490	Wichita, Kas.....	12,758,777	19,373,833	12,441,372
Louisville, Ky.....	12,875,732	7,558,780	10,080,469	Total West Central...	\$104,323,176	\$138,068,155	\$109,888,639
Madison, Wis.....	3,340,182	3,669,029	2,803,488	Mountain:			
Milwaukee, Wis.....	29,987,271	31,259,605	31,904,536	Albuquerque, N. M....	\$11,560,188	\$15,266,358	\$13,324,618
Newark, Ohio.....	1,194,290	1,761,085	899,385	Billings, Mont.....	2,038,950	2,612,750	2,230,920
Oak Park, Ills.....	3,799,608	955,648	955,648	Boise, Idaho.....	1,323,349	1,969,795	1,047,328
Peoria, Ills.....	3,819,758	3,938,611	1,761,673	Butte, Mont.....	285,570	190,428	215,682
Pontiac, Mich.....	2,492,273	3,273,037	2,404,431	Colorado Springs, Col.	6,021,556	7,579,895	2,901,108
Quincy, Ills.....	1,101,935	1,294,746	1,111,596	Denver, Col.....	34,223,453	36,829,600	25,996,605
Racine, Wis.....	4,611,517	4,710,363	3,062,921	Great Falls, Mont...	2,573,200	1,821,061	790,350
Rockford, Ills.....	6,080,730	5,881,710	5,772,975	Ogden, Utah.....	3,184,100	3,600,500	2,025,200
Saginaw, Mich.....	3,014,639	2,961,253	2,313,453	Phoenix, Ariz.....	7,536,899	7,034,073	7,861,759
South Bend, Ind.....	3,507,740	4,883,870	6,853,986	Pueblo, Col.....	2,910,823	4,264,719	2,627,815
Springfield, Ills...	4,150,369	1,602,252	10,032,654	Salt Lake City, U....	7,062,605	5,844,614	4,385,395
Springfield, Ohio...	671,185	1,719,650	1,292,000	Tucson, Ariz.....	5,721,654	4,050,631	3,303,482
Superior, Wis.....	1,106,799	148,212	631,677	Total Mountain.....	\$84,442,347	\$90,464,844	\$67,710,262
Terre Haute, Ind....	988,653	748,346	1,776,201	Pacific:			
Toledo, Ohio.....	5,796,660	6,871,234	5,054,816	Bakersfield, Cal....	\$5,561,665	\$4,366,983	\$8,753,213
Waukegan, Ills.....	4,852,631	1,632,703	3,587,200	Berkeley, Cal.....	2,558,916	3,247,598	2,005,860
Wheeling, W. Va.....	1,202,311	1,161,840	1,102,450	Beverly Hills, Cal...	2,628,282	3,415,927	3,464,297
Youngstown, Ohio...	6,096,532	3,990,732	2,616,199	Fresno, Cal.....	6,230,702	10,133,894	6,549,188
Zanesville, Ohio...	292,135	164,992	177,445	Glendale, Cal.....	7,837,885	4,932,970	5,046,518
Total East Central...	\$378,948,101	\$344,558,070	\$331,307,814	Long Beach, Cal....	26,487,495	26,156,285	13,384,460
South Central:				Los Angeles, Cal....	148,765,856	138,803,295	123,734,209
Arlington, Texas.....	\$9,786,309	\$6,707,197	\$3,948,641	Oakland, Cal.....	11,795,366	8,739,998	6,820,913
Austin, Texas.....	7,031,193	9,249,876	6,046,770	Pasadena, Cal.....	7,124,009	5,921,233	4,817,155
Beaumont, Texas.....	10,074,989	14,142,948	13,336,076	Portland, Ore.....	15,509,485	15,818,560	12,222,145
Birmingham, Ala.....	4,992,874	3,358,282	3,504,040	Sacramento, Cal....	13,857,323	9,233,684	6,882,158
Chattanooga, Tenn...	13,508,685	12,074,392	7,530,549	San Diego, Cal.....	29,694,888	29,373,715	28,732,647
Dallas, Texas.....	4,128,387	2,659,442	3,128,080	San Francisco, Cal...	22,581,414	18,595,452	15,376,322
El Paso, Texas.....	54,883,392	62,093,542	42,448,907	San Jose, Cal.....	17,085,259	11,471,579	5,840,710
Fort Smith, Ark.....	10,092,579	13,343,645	6,432,645	Seattle, Wash.....	24,269,315	25,600,500	21,612,700
Fort Worth, Texas...	1,727,658	1,353,670	1,435,019	Spokane, Wash.....	8,139,283	7,922,626	11,524,781
Galveston, Texas...	13,108,282	21,016,195	13,525,694	Stockton, Cal.....	4,269,658	2,981,827	2,639,002
Houston, Texas.....	2,139,484	939,319	2,756,255	Tacoma, Wash.....	4,967,588	4,897,213	5,126,154
Jackson, Miss.....	56,919,203	52,700,167	49,270,485	Total Pacific.....	\$358,675,389	\$331,709,339	\$284,534,682
Jacksonville, Tenn...	4,913,172	5,142,048	3,530,431	Total 217 Cities....	\$1,896,206,428	\$1,912,891,020	\$1,693,891,837
Knoxville, Tenn.....	4,376,404	3,561,622	2,375,726				
Little Rock, Ark....	3,120,278	4,669,204	3,406,552				
Memphis, Tenn.....	15,754,924	16,618,417	15,600,865				

## BUILDING PERMIT VALUES FOR 217 CITIES—MONTHLY—1954 TO DATE

TOTAL UNITED STATES - 217 CITIES				NEW YORK CITY			OUTSIDE NEW YORK CITY - 216 CITIES		
1956	1955	1954		1956	1955	1954	1956	1955	1954
Jan.....	\$431,357,658	\$406,628,525	\$345,352,829	\$61,735,949	\$49,423,105	\$32,068,684	\$369,621,709	\$357,205,420	\$313,284,145
Feb.....	437,622,349	442,092,367	345,986,529	47,687,735	47,687,734	51,047,477	348,449,794	394,404,633	294,939,052
Mar.....	503,133,253	542,997,099	512,663,611	52,512,472	59,577,583	99,045,726	450,620,781	483,419,516	413,617,885
Apr.....	524,093,168	521,173,029	489,888,868	49,939,864	55,063,895	55,063,895	490,639,579	471,233,165	434,824,973
May.....	565,327,637	565,327,637	435,015,419	65,782,634	65,782,634	35,373,510	499,545,003	499,545,003	399,641,909
June.....	634,030,839	523,169,936	523,169,936	99,080,484	99,080,484	39,149,744	534,950,335	484,020,192	484,020,192
July.....	511,841,797	448,439,021	448,439,021	51,383,412	40,301,251	40,301,251	460,458,385	408,137,770	408,137,770
Aug.....	555,829,122	459,157,830	459,157,830	41,436,766	30,841,192	30,841,192	514,392,356	428,316,638	428,316,638
Sept.....	477,025,801	482,032,488	482,032,488	58,177,460	47,413,380	47,413,380	418,848,341	418,848,341	418,848,341
Oct.....	487,392,751	463,728,026	463,728,026	44,087,975	30,760,116	30,760,116	443,304,776	432,967,910	432,967,910
Nov.....	429,366,384	427,879,197	427,879,197	55,764,815	45,195,814	45,195,814	373,601,569	382,683,383	382,683,383
Dec.....	349,091,618	408,940,808	408,940,808	45,121,585	40,309,360	40,309,360	303,970,033	368,631,448	368,631,448
Total.....	\$5,922,796,969	\$5,342,254,562	\$5,342,254,562	\$667,463,417	\$546,570,149	\$546,570,149	\$5,255,333,552	\$4,795,684,413	\$4,795,684,413

# NEW BUSINESS INCORPORATIONS BY STATES AND GEOGRAPHICAL REGIONS

	APR. 1956	MAR. 1956	FEB. 1956	APR. 1955	1956	FOUR MONTHS 1955	1954	1953
<b>NEW ENGLAND</b>								
Maine.....	42	42	42	40	191	185	139	161
New Hampshire.....	44	48	31	45	171	146	135	137
Vermont.....	25	25	11	24	82	84	59	57
Massachusetts.....	341	305	328	354	1,353	1,347	1,223	1,158
Connecticut.....	228	191	216	207	844	841	612	621
Rhode Island.....	108	103	115	97	436	424	340	275
Total New England.....	788	714	743	767	3,077	3,027	2,508	2,409
<b>MIDDLE ATLANTIC</b>								
New York.....	2,434	2,429	2,454	2,308	10,357	10,613	8,977	8,526
New Jersey.....	807	808	745	718	3,238	3,082	2,541	2,449
Pennsylvania.....	335	421	405	323	1,586	1,463	1,330	1,194
Total Middle Atlantic.....	3,576	3,658	3,605	3,349	15,181	15,158	12,848	12,169
<b>EAST NORTH CENTRAL</b>								
Ohio.....	725	828	740	692	3,095	2,825	2,369	2,132
Indiana.....	184	236	203	187	809	777	614	609
Illinois.....	646	738	685	507	2,716	2,112	1,845	1,741
Michigan.....	380	451	517	377	1,743	1,718	1,389	1,119
Wisconsin.....	232	201	222	181	871	788	570	452
Total East North Central.....	2,167	2,454	2,367	1,944	9,234	8,220	6,787	6,053
<b>WEST NORTH CENTRAL</b>								
Minnesota.....	145	144	132	161	576	658	537	475
Iowa.....	76	107	58	67	310	285	188	178
Missouri.....	175	230	184	224	885	922	694	650
North Dakota.....	19	23	17	16	79	78	67	91
South Dakota.....	22	23	15	32	84	104	77	93
Nebraska.....	45	66	75	43	242	215	170	128
Kansas.....	65	76	78	96	306	350	254	200
Total West North Central.....	547	669	559	639	2,482	2,612	1,987	1,815
<b>SOUTH ATLANTIC</b>								
Maryland.....	265	236	231	201	930	946	761	750
Delaware.....	287	277	261	330	1,089	1,306	975	959
Virginia.....	181	212	199	157	825	667	566	582
West Virginia.....	72	66	40	54	275	232	259	230
North Carolina.....	169	145	168	138	656	624	482	494
South Carolina.....	81	83	94	71	372	302	245	244
Georgia.....	174	197	163	182	742	733	562	478
Florida.....	770	788	643	617	2,910	2,414	1,719	1,637
Total South Atlantic.....	1,999	2,004	1,799	1,750	7,799	7,224	5,569	5,374
<b>EAST SOUTH CENTRAL</b>								
Kentucky.....	98	100	97	84	416	376	262	239
Tennessee.....	101	142	123	109	513	550	439	380
Alabama.....	89	104	121	68	417	344	236	255
Mississippi.....	34	57	51	58	204	216	165	146
Total East South Central.....	322	403	392	319	1,550	1,486	1,102	1,020
<b>WEST SOUTH CENTRAL</b>								
Arkansas.....	59	68	79	50	280	199	137	182
Oklahoma.....	125	121	131	145	523	540	412	358
Louisiana.....	177	161	132	146	653	555	367	388
Texas.....	733	353	807	443	2,222	1,829	1,414	1,354
Total West South Central.....	1,094	703	1,149	784	3,678	3,123	2,330	2,282
<b>MOUNTAIN</b>								
Montana.....	35	33	29	31	112	123	110	104
Idaho.....	51	29	40	47	179	153	119	112
Wyoming.....	18	26	24	33	93	117	82	64
Colorado.....	152	173	131	170	599	732	408	315
New Mexico.....	53	29	38	38	149	165	111	114
Arizona.....	103	130	113	93	469	434	344	276
Utah.....	60	41	52	62	196	265	169	143
Nevada.....	90	89	91	132	350	533	292	277
Total Mountain.....	562	550	518	606	2,147	2,522	1,635	1,405
<b>PACIFIC</b>								
Washington.....	116	171	136	156	591	641	450	453
Oregon.....	70	124	93	102	395	424	257	332
California.....	1,234	1,372	1,142	1,340	5,029	5,286	3,389	3,265
Total Pacific.....	1,420	1,667	1,371	1,598	6,015	6,351	4,096	4,050
TOTAL 48 STATES.....	12,475	12,822	12,503	11,756	51,163	49,723	38,862	36,577

## NEW BUSINESS INCORPORATIONS—48 STATES—MONTHLY—1946 to Date

	1956	1955	1954	1953	1952	1951	1950	1949	1948	1947	1946
January.....	13,363	13,181	9,543	9,468	8,357	8,515	9,070	7,906	11,000	12,112	13,006
February.....	12,503	11,369	8,533	7,943	7,138	6,590	7,736	6,362	7,873	9,111	10,554
March.....	12,822	13,417	10,514	9,659	7,902	7,649	9,180	7,637	9,346	10,247	12,225
April.....	12,475	11,756	10,272	9,507	8,284	7,653	8,375	7,273	9,223	9,802	12,469
May.....	12,029	9,280	8,968	7,915	7,544	7,544	9,216	7,445	8,246	9,179	12,044
June.....	12,605	9,748	8,926	7,819	6,810	6,810	8,861	7,260	8,550	8,922	11,402
July.....	10,893	9,409	8,703	7,549	6,428	7,191	6,424	7,690	9,041	11,987	
August.....	10,983	9,041	7,487	7,088	6,496	7,201	6,828	6,723	8,055	10,400	
September.....	11,024	9,556	7,433	7,529	5,950	6,277	6,867	6,930	8,561	9,551	
October.....	10,698	9,852	8,267	8,223	6,812	6,782	6,877	6,686	9,609	10,799	
November.....	10,157	9,735	7,269	6,741	6,289	6,256	6,755	6,413	7,873	8,485	
December.....	11,539	11,981	8,915	8,274	6,913	6,780	7,857	7,421	10,126	9,994	
Total.....	139,651	117,164	102,545	92,819	83,649	92,925	85,491	96,101	112,638	132,916	

# Failures by Divisions of Industry—April and 4 Months 1956, 1955 and 1954

	NUMBER OF FAILURES						CURRENT LIABILITIES IN THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS					
	MONTH OF APRIL			FOUR MONTHS			MONTH OF APRIL			FOUR MONTHS		
	1956	1955	1954	1956	1955	1954	1956	1955	1954	1956	1955	1954
<b>Mining &amp; Manufacturing:</b>												
Mining—Coal, Oil, Miscellaneous...	3	6	9	13	22	24	315	497	3,998	3,501	2,061	5,237
Food & Kindred Products.....	17	6	13	75	53	58	2,073	609	1,914	5,054	4,676	7,658
Textile Mill Products & Apparel...	59	32	49	218	172	204	4,763	1,036	2,485	13,685	8,739	10,170
Lumber & Lumber Products.....	30	30	34	131	99	111	2,749	1,228	2,021	9,267	4,712	5,744
Paper, Printing & Publishing.....	5	8	10	32	40	49	609	109	1,787	1,314	2,053	3,422
Chemicals & Allied Products.....	2	3	8	13	16	29	70	60	215	2,182	964	1,377
Leather & Leather Products.....	8	8	3	31	29	26	399	705	87	1,642	1,653	1,573
Stone, Clay & Glass Products.....	4	8	10	10	18	20	1,465	116	165	2,327	1,084	684
Iron, Steel & Products.....	14	8	10	47	54	48	1,336	351	1,303	6,638	6,566	6,061
Machinery.....	17	17	27	104	100	91	937	6,137	3,722	11,119	17,312	19,529
Transportation Equipment.....	5	..	4	21	17	14	516	..	292	1,954	3,050	2,027
Miscellaneous.....	22	28	23	126	142	123	1,910	1,714	579	8,190	8,262	6,919
<b>Total Mining &amp; Manufacturing.....</b>	<b>186</b>	<b>154</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>921</b>	<b>762</b>	<b>797</b>	<b>17,142</b>	<b>12,653</b>	<b>20,568</b>	<b>64,880</b>	<b>60,132</b>	<b>70,401</b>
<b>Wholesale Trades:</b>												
Food & Farm Products.....	19	21	19	94	107	92	810	1,158	937	3,183	4,512	3,818
Apparel.....	5	8	2	24	27	15	354	140	19	877	878	257
Dry Goods.....	2	4	4	14	15	21	40	121	42	300	597	938
Lumber, Bldg. Mtl., Hardware.....	11	12	10	58	49	39	780	880	334	3,872	2,479	1,895
Chemicals & Drugs.....	3	1	4	14	11	16	102	80	50	285	305	423
Motor Vehicles & Auto Equipment.....	6	8	3	23	26	17	337	182	125	1,083	649	571
Miscellaneous.....	46	39	40	201	195	171	2,058	1,110	3,067	9,352	8,112	9,564
<b>Total Wholesale Trade.....</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>428</b>	<b>430</b>	<b>371</b>	<b>4,090</b>	<b>3,871</b>	<b>4,574</b>	<b>18,952</b>	<b>17,532</b>	<b>17,467</b>
<b>Retail Trades:</b>												
Food & Liquor.....	88	98	91	327	327	348	1,300	1,364	1,152	4,732	5,469	4,981
General Merchandise.....	30	18	19	98	72	72	1,748	609	355	5,034	1,970	2,023
Apparel & Accessories.....	72	68	99	402	319	328	1,137	1,251	2,324	8,416	6,120	6,671
Furniture, Home Furnishings.....	55	80	89	280	292	353	1,892	2,083	2,520	8,649	9,616	21,810
Lumber, Bldg. Mtl., Hardware.....	36	31	35	122	109	107	1,020	989	1,284	3,748	2,814	3,213
Automotive Group.....	49	37	43	232	157	215	1,373	683	1,591	9,926	1,807	6,775
Eating & Drinking Places.....	89	95	100	365	347	327	1,353	2,412	1,954	7,326	7,264	6,249
Drug Stores.....	12	13	16	50	46	55	699	350	284	1,370	1,003	994
Miscellaneous.....	32	42	43	205	203	180	550	1,022	556	3,630	1,848	3,550
<b>Total Retail Trade.....</b>	<b>463</b>	<b>484</b>	<b>535</b>	<b>2,081</b>	<b>1,872</b>	<b>1,985</b>	<b>10,772</b>	<b>10,765</b>	<b>12,030</b>	<b>52,831</b>	<b>41,312</b>	<b>58,466</b>
<b>Construction:</b>												
General Building Contractors.....	62	32	33	214	131	151	3,858	3,947	1,570	15,184	16,676	8,900
Building Sub-Contractors.....	78	72	54	321	258	256	2,611	2,375	2,022	12,935	9,311	8,060
Other Contractors.....	13	2	5	35	25	21	498	128	100	1,980	1,590	1,215
<b>Total Construction.....</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>570</b>	<b>414</b>	<b>430</b>	<b>6,967</b>	<b>6,450</b>	<b>3,692</b>	<b>30,100</b>	<b>27,586</b>	<b>18,195</b>
<b>Commercial Services:</b>												
Passenger & Freight Transportation..	30	16	26	102	77	97	1,977	1,508	1,048	4,360	5,442	6,163
Miscellaneous Public Services.....	1	4	1	10	6	16	276	12	58	460	161	810
Hotels.....	3	2	1	17	12	9	17	15	50	2,133	1,900	702
Cleaning, Dyeing & Repairing.....	9	9	8	37	35	38	74	51	67	515	457	686
Laundries.....	4	7	2	13	22	10	58	269	52	370	717	170
Undertakers.....	1	..	1	2	2	1	9	..	10	10	74	10
Other Personal Services.....	5	7	1	28	27	16	55	74	12	302	286	274
Business & Repair Services.....	35	24	23	118	98	100	434	300	341	1,659	1,506	3,814
<b>Total Commercial Service.....</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>327</b>	<b>279</b>	<b>287</b>	<b>2,900</b>	<b>2,229</b>	<b>1,648</b>	<b>9,809</b>	<b>10,543</b>	<b>12,629</b>
<b>TOTAL UNITED STATES.....</b>	<b>985</b>	<b>903</b>	<b>975</b>	<b>4,227</b>	<b>3,757</b>	<b>3,870</b>	<b>41,871</b>	<b>35,968</b>	<b>42,512</b>	<b>176,572</b>	<b>157,105</b>	<b>177,158</b>

## Failures in Large Cities—April and 4 Months 1956, 1955 and 1954

Cities (1940 Population Ranking)	NUMBER OF FAILURES						CURRENT LIABILITIES IN THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS					
	MONTH OF APRIL			FOUR MONTHS			MONTH OF APRIL			FOUR MONTHS		
	1956	1955	1954	1956	1955	1954	1956	1955	1954	1956	1955	1954
New York, N. Y.....	184	176	223	763	751	864	8,277	9,303	8,392	28,770	31,191	37,120
Chicago, Ills.....	18	23	33	90	98	114	315	707	1,605	7,716	4,114	21,802
Philadelphia, Pa.....	20	12	15	100	77	63	399	573	739	3,791	2,875	1,808
Detroit, Mich.....	6	11	6	45	40	24	145	2,283	138	1,476	5,365	1,238
Los Angeles, Cal.....	32	27	32	122	139	174	1,165	1,275	658	4,199	4,525	5,355
Cleveland, Ohio.....	5	5	6	44	27	33	178	126	102	1,482	1,077	1,448
Baltimore, Md.....	5	14	11	35	50	52	224	360	96	1,284	1,426	1,242
St. Louis, Mo.....	7	5	..	22	11	5	138	38	..	1,134	107	90
Boston, Mass.....	8	16	7	38	51	35	135	493	364	2,560	1,770	1,214
Pittsburgh, Pa.....	4	3	4	15	22	23	176	66	247	1,046	1,649	1,384
Washington, D. C.....	3	4	4	11	15	25	111	116	108	6,224	1,337	1,337
San Francisco, Cal.....	11	17	18	48	69	55	276	794	418	1,044	2,508	1,892
Minneapolis, Minn.....	10	13	7	33	48	18	265	355	105	687	1,071	494
Buffalo, N. Y.....	5	6	6	16	22	18	140	142	115	1,123	820	624
New Orleans, La.....	4	4	2	13	14	4	88	645	26	291	1,223	156
Cincinnati, Ohio.....	3	3	15	15	15	18	66	50	228	1,046	452	1,154
Newark, N. J.....	5	3	10	38	30	30	106	65	120	2,166	2,122	679
Kansas City, Mo.....	2	1	4	8	2	15	20	72	203	411	101	710
Indianapolis, Ind.....	1	2	4	7	8	9	40	44	33	137	265	107
Houston, Texas.....	3	3	3	9	11	15	260	61	62	1,026	487	1,069
Seattle, Wash.....	11	5	3	30	23	17	363	88	62	1,434	590	341
Rochester, N. Y.....	4	4	3	18	14	10	579	22	42	1,302	157	113
Louisville, Ky.....	6	..	..	17	2	3	264	..	..	622	73	225
Denver, Col.....	6	5	3	35	20	16	173	125	64	970	572	802
<b>Total 25 Cities.....</b>	<b>368</b>	<b>362</b>	<b>413</b>	<b>1,597</b>	<b>1,569</b>	<b>1,657</b>	<b>14,176</b>	<b>17,803</b>	<b>14,124</b>	<b>65,885</b>	<b>71,216</b>	<b>83,199</b>
<b>Balance of Country.....</b>	<b>617</b>	<b>541</b>	<b>562</b>	<b>2,630</b>	<b>2,188</b>	<b>2,213</b>	<b>27,695</b>	<b>18,165</b>	<b>28,388</b>	<b>110,687</b>	<b>85,889</b>	<b>93,959</b>
<b>Total United States.....</b>	<b>985</b>	<b>903</b>	<b>975</b>	<b>4,227</b>	<b>3,757</b>	<b>3,870</b>	<b>41,871</b>	<b>35,968</b>	<b>42,512</b>	<b>176,572</b>	<b>157,105</b>	<b>177,158</b>



# United States Failures by States—April and 4 Months 1956, 1955 and 1954

	NUMBER OF FAILURES						CURRENT LIABILITIES IN THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS								
	MONTH OF APRIL			FOUR MONTHS			MONTH OF APRIL			FOUR MONTHS					
	1956	1955	1954	1956	1955	1954	1956	1955	1954	1956	1955	1954	1956	1955	1954
<b>New England:</b>															
Maine.....	1	4	4	9	15	17	113	93	58	233	498	865			
New Hampshire.....	3	3	..	4	16	9	363	92	..	379	798	207			
Vermont.....	1	2	1	3	5	2	25	18	2	242	184	10			
Massachusetts.....	26	44	28	132	138	117	729	2,145	785	6,373	5,685	4,826			
Connecticut.....	8	16	12	47	58	56	672	340	273	3,144	1,693	2,568			
Rhode Island.....	13	9	15	64	33	35	487	194	518	4,568	1,123	1,006			
Total New England.....	52	78	60	259	265	236	2,389	2,882	1,636	14,939	9,981	9,482			
<b>Middle Atlantic:</b>															
New York.....	244	224	261	1,018	964	1,053	11,537	10,826	9,385	38,881	39,522	42,109			
New Jersey.....	39	29	45	205	147	159	3,026	607	4,365	10,790	8,223	7,407			
Pennsylvania.....	60	41	42	216	215	171	3,392	1,218	8,425	11,119	9,182	12,849			
Total Middle Atlantic.....	343	294	348	1,439	1,326	1,383	17,955	12,651	22,175	60,790	56,927	62,365			
<b>East North Central:</b>															
Ohio.....	31	22	31	162	117	140	1,391	564	1,065	7,728	3,694	6,247			
Indiana.....	8	8	10	35	33	51	1,536	443	257	2,087	2,370	1,857			
Illinois.....	33	29	52	152	140	174	662	867	2,492	10,301	5,309	24,647			
Michigan.....	27	24	19	123	81	64	793	3,147	486	5,526	7,206	2,752			
Wisconsin.....	19	32	19	81	114	61	451	861	312	2,807	2,520	1,411			
Total East North Central..	118	115	131	553	485	490	4,833	5,882	4,812	27,849	21,099	36,914			
<b>West North Central:</b>															
Minnesota.....	14	10	8	53	41	44	447	149	276	2,020	3,759	2,442			
Iowa.....	3	3	4	27	13	14	59	38	83	919	658	1,223			
Missouri.....	11	9	7	43	28	37	187	183	284	2,076	767	1,309			
North Dakota.....	1	..	..	4	..	..	53	..	..	129	..	..			
South Dakota.....	1	1	..	1	3	1	6	39	..	6	66	18			
Nebraska.....	..	2	2	10	8	16	..	1,508	39	442	1,889	644			
Kansas.....	5	10	4	25	17	20	1,014	283	62	1,989	567	520			
Total West North Central..	35	35	25	163	110	132	1,766	2,190	744	7,581	7,706	6,156			
<b>South Atlantic:</b>															
Maryland.....	6	16	15	53	58	71	252	394	145	2,254	1,735	1,577			
Delaware.....	..	1	..	2	1	1	..	15	..	171	15	18			
District of Columbia.....	3	4	4	11	15	25	111	116	108	283	6,223	1,336			
Virginia.....	7	5	12	40	19	43	425	309	326	1,385	716	1,396			
West Virginia.....	5	7	11	25	35	28	89	441	481	432	1,482	831			
North Carolina.....	4	5	9	36	20	34	101	149	185	823	1,443	1,247			
South Carolina.....	7	1	3	24	22	17	52	9	346	502	1,203	785			
Georgia.....	11	7	12	55	46	61	248	183	396	1,900	2,061	1,928			
Florida.....	36	25	21	138	80	84	827	631	601	2,961	4,112	3,452			
Total South Atlantic.....	79	71	87	384	296	364	2,105	2,247	2,589	10,711	18,990	12,670			
<b>East South Central:</b>															
Kentucky.....	12	3	2	32	13	10	744	25	34	1,261	314	322			
Tennessee.....	6	10	10	59	46	28	140	417	194	3,026	2,225	544			
Alabama.....	3	6	8	16	26	22	17	203	260	426	994	587			
Mississippi.....	4	8	4	21	23	26	199	247	102	785	681	1,321			
Total East South Central..	25	27	24	128	108	86	1,100	892	590	5,498	4,214	2,774			
<b>West South Central:</b>															
Arkansas.....	1	4	1	6	17	10	15	79	13	59	486	202			
Oklahoma.....	4	5	5	25	19	19	94	180	77	640	625	696			
Louisiana.....	16	10	11	45	30	34	628	885	479	1,873	1,655	1,505			
Texas.....	23	10	25	107	58	76	930	227	1,084	8,098	2,505	5,315			
Total West South Central..	44	29	42	183	124	139	1,667	1,371	1,653	10,670	5,271	7,718			
<b>Mountain:</b>															
Montana.....	3	..	1	14	5	3	55	..	7	210	135	15			
Idaho.....	..	1	3	5	3	7	..	16	178	157	145	293			
Wyoming.....	1	1	..	1	5	1	25	8	..	76	76	37			
Colorado.....	11	5	4	52	22	22	252	125	127	1,479	618	1,083			
New Mexico.....	3	1	2	11	4	9	61	66	69	319	130	298			
Arizona.....	9	11	9	36	37	28	556	111	446	2,044	791	741			
Utah.....	7	2	4	21	18	16	169	25	81	525	1,304	457			
Nevada.....	2	3	3	17	12	11	30	47	45	1,752	222	376			
Total Mountain.....	36	24	26	157	106	97	1,148	398	953	6,511	3,421	3,300			
<b>Pacific:</b>															
Washington.....	30	11	16	90	65	49	840	242	746	2,699	1,697	1,331			
Oregon.....	13	13	8	46	31	43	604	259	168	3,516	652	2,735			
California.....	210	206	208	805	841	851	7,464	6,954	6,446	25,808	27,147	31,713			
Total Pacific.....	253	230	232	941	937	943	8,908	7,455	7,360	32,023	29,496	35,779			
Total United States.....	985	903	975	4,227	3,757	3,870	41,871	35,968	42,512	176,572	157,105	177,158			

## Canadian Failures by Provinces—April and 4 Months 1956, 1955 and 1954

	NUMBER OF FAILURES						CURRENT LIABILITIES IN THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS								
	MONTH OF APRIL			FOUR MONTHS			MONTH OF APRIL			FOUR MONTHS					
	1956	1955	1954	1956	1955	1954	1956	1955	1954	1956	1955	1954	1956	1955	1954
<b>Canada:</b>															
Newfoundland.....	..	1	..	7	6	2	..	25	..	224	196	56			
Prince Edward Island.....	..	1	..	..	2	..	..	34	..	..	39	..			
Nova Scotia.....	1	1	1	2	4	9	175	94	29	192	426	265			
New Brunswick.....	..	..	..	4	3	8	..	..	..	243	45	183			
Quebec.....	60	72	69	247	328	306	1,030	1,868	4,923	7,102	7,931	11,205			
Ontario.....	45	32	19	169	136	120	2,999	1,153	644	11,933	4,032	8,449			
Manitoba.....	9	4	2	19	22	12	165	42	158	2,520	1,132	1,200			
Saskatchewan.....	3	2	2	6	10	6	165	99	107	207	595	175			
Alberta.....	..	3	..	1	5	15	..	172	..	15	192	1,019			
British Columbia.....	5	8	9	20	31	31	107	95	157	1,063	777	931			
Total Canada.....	123	124	102	475	547	509	4,641	3,582	6,018	23,499	15,365	23,483			

# Failures by Industrial Groups and Size of Liabilities—April and 4 Months 1956, 1955 and 1954

(Liabilities in thousands of dollars)

	APRIL 1956				FOUR MONTHS 1956				FOUR MONTHS 1955			
	Number	Per Cent	Current Liab.	Total Liab.	Number	Per Cent	Current Liab.	Total Liab.	Number	Per Cent	Current Liab.	Total Liab.
<b>MINING &amp; MANUFACTURING....</b>	<b>186</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>17,142</b>	<b>17,905</b>	<b>821</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>64,880</b>	<b>66,671</b>	<b>762</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>60,132</b>	<b>60,854</b>
Under \$5,000.....	11	5.9	35	35	71	8.6	223	223	54	7.1	162	162
\$5,000 to \$25,000.....	75	40.3	1,029	1,029	315	38.4	3,936	3,936	331	43.4	4,105	4,105
\$25,000 to \$100,000.....	62	33.4	2,816	2,816	279	34.0	13,747	13,747	260	34.1	13,058	13,058
\$100,000 to \$1,000,000.....	35	18.8	9,270	10,033	147	17.9	34,675	35,615	109	14.3	27,160	27,610
\$1,000,000 and Over.....	3	1.6	3,992	3,992	9	1.1	12,299	13,150	8	1.1	15,647	15,919
<b>WHOLESALE TRADE.....</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>4,090</b>	<b>4,090</b>	<b>428</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>18,952</b>	<b>18,986</b>	<b>430</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>17,532</b>	<b>17,612</b>
Under \$5,000.....	5	5.4	17	17	34	7.9	105	105	29	9.1	115	115
\$5,000 to \$25,000.....	36	39.1	452	452	190	44.4	2,443	2,443	207	48.1	2,852	2,852
\$25,000 to \$100,000.....	40	43.5	2,058	2,058	160	37.4	7,640	7,640	149	34.7	6,783	6,783
\$100,000 to \$1,000,000.....	11	12.0	1,563	1,563	43	10.1	7,623	7,657	34	7.9	6,767	6,847
\$1,000,000 and Over.....	..	..	..	..	1	0.2	1,140	1,140	1	0.2	1,015	1,015
<b>RETAIL TRADE.....</b>	<b>463</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>10,772</b>	<b>10,804</b>	<b>2,081</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>52,831</b>	<b>53,099</b>	<b>1,872</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>41,312</b>	<b>42,052</b>
Under \$5,000.....	90	19.4	272	272	427	20.5	1,213	1,213	362	19.3	1,028	1,028
\$5,000 to \$25,000.....	255	55.1	2,853	2,853	1,121	53.9	13,326	13,326	1,063	56.8	12,573	12,573
\$25,000 to \$100,000.....	104	22.5	4,180	4,180	456	21.9	18,924	18,924	381	20.4	16,644	16,644
\$100,000 to \$1,000,000.....	14	3.0	3,467	3,499	74	3.6	13,894	14,162	66	3.5	11,067	11,807
\$1,000,000 and Over.....	..	..	..	..	3	0.1	5,474	5,474	..	..	..	..
<b>CONSTRUCTION.....</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>6,967</b>	<b>6,967</b>	<b>570</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>30,100</b>	<b>31,092</b>	<b>414</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>27,586</b>	<b>27,721</b>
Under \$5,000.....	14	9.2	34	34	51	8.9	142	142	49	11.8	146	146
\$5,000 to \$25,000.....	63	41.1	869	869	236	41.4	3,186	3,186	184	44.4	2,543	2,543
\$25,000 to \$100,000.....	62	40.5	2,902	2,902	214	37.5	10,305	10,305	130	31.4	6,257	6,257
\$100,000 to \$1,000,000.....	14	9.2	3,162	3,162	67	11.8	13,793	14,785	47	11.4	8,587	8,722
\$1,000,000 and Over.....	..	..	..	..	2	0.4	2,674	2,674	4	1.0	10,053	10,053
<b>COMMERCIAL SERVICE.....</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>2,900</b>	<b>2,900</b>	<b>327</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>9,809</b>	<b>9,809</b>	<b>279</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>10,543</b>	<b>10,543</b>
Under \$5,000.....	17	18.7	48	48	75	22.9	209	209	57	20.4	164	164
\$5,000 to \$25,000.....	60	65.9	731	731	179	54.8	2,201	2,201	142	50.9	1,790	1,790
\$25,000 to \$100,000.....	11	12.1	473	473	58	17.7	2,598	2,598	64	22.9	3,058	3,058
\$100,000 to \$1,000,000.....	2	2.2	586	586	14	4.3	3,739	3,739	15	5.4	4,475	4,475
\$1,000,000 and Over.....	1	1.1	1,062	1,062	1	0.3	1,062	1,062	1	0.4	1,056	1,056
<b>TOTAL UNITED STATES.....</b>	<b>985</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>41,871</b>	<b>42,666</b>	<b>4,227</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>176,572</b>	<b>179,657</b>	<b>3,757</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>157,105</b>	<b>158,782</b>
Under \$5,000.....	137	13.9	406	406	658	15.6	1,893	1,893	561	14.9	1,615	1,615
\$5,000 to \$25,000.....	489	49.7	5,934	5,934	2,041	48.3	25,092	25,092	1,927	51.3	23,863	23,863
\$25,000 to \$100,000.....	279	28.3	12,429	12,429	1,167	27.6	53,214	53,214	984	26.2	45,800	45,800
\$100,000 to \$1,000,000.....	76	7.7	18,048	18,843	345	8.1	73,724	75,958	271	7.2	58,056	59,461
\$1,000,000 and Over.....	4	0.4	5,054	5,054	16	0.4	22,649	23,500	14	0.4	27,771	28,043

## Failures by Federal Reserve Districts by Divisions of Industry—April 1956

(Liabilities in thousands of dollars)

Districts:	MANUFACTURING		WHOLESALE TRADE		RETAIL TRADE		CONSTRUCTION		COMMERCIAL SERVICE		TOTAL UNITED STATES	
	No.	Current Liab.	No.	Current Liab.	No.	Current Liab.	No.	Current Liab.	No.	Current Liab.	No.	Current Liab.
Boston.....(1)....	12	1,315	1	52	28	669	7	296	3	39	51	2,371
New York.....(2)....	77	6,829	29	1,810	123	2,774	25	1,056	17	386	271	12,855
Philadelphia.....(3)....	12	3,515	7	296	29	379	9	153	5	59	62	4,402
Cleveland.....(4)....	4	292	5	333	19	368	14	1,473	6	115	48	2,581
Richmond.....(5)....	4	114	6	218	17	320	3	370	1	3	31	1,025
Atlanta.....(6)....	11	616	7	299	34	469	12	410	8	123	72	1,917
Chicago.....(7)....	12	864	7	102	44	912	11	250	7	110	81	2,258
St. Louis.....(8)....	4	1,216	3	154	11	216	1	52	3	56	22	1,694
Minneapolis.....(9)....	4	205	2	64	13	166	2	110	2	68	23	613
Kansas City.....(10)....	2	29	2	31	15	1,147	5	229	2	24	26	1,460
Dallas.....(11)....	3	135	2	70	11	433	9	360	2	33	27	1,031
San Francisco.....(12)....	41	1,992	21	661	119	2,919	55	2,208	35	1,884	271	9,664
Total United States.....	186	17,142	92	4,090	463	10,772	153	6,967	91	2,900	985	41,871

## Dun's Failure Index

(Apparent Annual Number of Failures per 10,000 Enterprises)

	Unadjusted Index				Adjusted Index*			
	1956	1955	1954	1953	1956	1955	1954	1953
January.....	47.9	42.9	39.4	28.2	46.1	40.9	36.8	26.4
February.....	50.9	45.6	35.6	41.5	48.3	38.6	40.9	30.4
March.....	49.6	44.0	46.7	32.2	46.4	41.1	43.6	29.8
April.....	45.2	39.7	42.9	30.3	42.2	36.8	39.7	28.1
May.....	43.7	43.1	31.5	....	41.6	41.0	30.0	....
June.....	40.2	42.5	35.4	....	40.6	42.9	35.8	....
July.....	39.1	37.6	31.3	....	42.0	40.4	33.7	....
August.....	37.4	40.1	30.3	....	41.6	44.1	33.7	....
September.....	37.5	37.5	30.7	....	43.6	44.1	36.1	....
October.....	41.9	39.9	36.2	....	44.6	42.4	38.9	....
November.....	46.8	46.4	41.7	....	46.3	46.4	41.7	....
December.....	39.8	40.3	35.3	....	42.3	42.9	37.2	....
Mo. Average..	48.4	41.6	42.0	33.2	....	....	....	....

(\* Adjusted for seasonal variation.)

## DEFINITIONS

**BUSINESS FAILURES** include those businesses that ceased operations following assignment or bankruptcy; ceased with loss to creditors after such actions as execution, foreclosure, or attachment; voluntarily withdrew leaving unpaid obligations; were involved in court actions such as receivership, reorganization, or arrangement; or voluntarily compromised with creditors out of court.

**CURRENT LIABILITIES**, as used in the failure record, have a special meaning; they include all accounts and notes payable and all obligations, whether in secured form or not, known to be held by bankers, officers, affiliated companies, supplying companies, or the Government. They do not include long-term, publicly-held obligations. Offsetting assets are not taken into account.

### Failures by Industrial Groups—Monthly—1954 to Date

1954	Total Number	Mining & Mfg.	% of Total	Wholesale Trade	% of Total	Retail Trade	% of Total	Construction	% of Total	Commercial Service	% of Total
January.....	867	192	22.2	79	9.1	450	51.9	86	9.9	60	6.9
February.....	926	207	22.3	87	9.4	449	48.5	109	11.8	74	8.0
March.....	1,102	198	17.9	123	11.2	551	50.0	143	13.0	87	7.9
April.....	975	200	20.5	82	8.4	535	54.9	92	9.4	66	6.8
May.....	943	200	21.2	91	9.6	460	48.8	111	11.8	81	8.6
June.....	965	208	21.6	89	9.2	455	47.1	132	13.7	81	8.4
July.....	856	165	19.3	99	11.6	417	48.7	95	11.1	80	9.3
August.....	912	187	20.5	94	10.3	451	49.4	100	11.0	80	8.8
September.....	819	153	18.7	113	13.8	406	49.6	88	10.7	59	7.2
October.....	871	189	21.7	91	10.5	414	47.5	109	12.5	68	7.8
November.....	933	179	19.2	86	9.2	490	52.5	110	11.8	68	7.3
December.....	917	204	22.2	98	10.7	413	45.0	130	14.2	72	7.9
Total Year.....	11,086	2,282	20.6	1,132	10.2	5,491	49.5	1,305	11.8	876	7.9
1955											
January.....	939	195	20.8	114	12.1	456	48.5	87	9.3	87	9.3
February.....	877	188	21.4	104	11.9	412	47.0	113	12.9	60	6.8
March.....	1,038	225	21.7	119	11.5	520	50.1	108	10.4	66	6.3
April.....	903	154	17.1	93	10.3	484	53.6	106	11.7	66	7.3
May.....	955	168	17.6	87	9.1	499	52.2	121	12.7	80	8.4
June.....	914	200	21.9	79	8.6	446	48.8	114	12.5	75	8.2
July.....	861	179	20.8	89	10.3	423	49.1	102	11.9	68	7.9
August.....	888	158	17.8	107	12.1	430	48.4	134	15.1	59	6.6
September.....	822	168	20.5	99	12.0	366	44.5	114	13.9	75	9.1
October.....	919	180	19.6	85	9.2	437	47.5	136	14.8	81	8.8
November.....	945	196	20.7	84	8.9	462	48.9	133	14.1	70	7.4
December.....	908	191	21.0	104	11.5	404	44.5	136	15.0	73	8.0
Total Year.....	10,969	2,202	20.1	1,164	10.6	5,339	48.7	1,404	12.8	860	7.8
1956											
January.....	1,048	209	19.9	106	10.1	535	51.1	126	12.0	72	6.9
February.....	1,024	202	19.7	108	10.5	511	49.9	141	13.8	62	6.1
March.....	1,170	224	19.2	122	10.4	572	48.9	150	12.8	102	8.7
April.....	985	186	18.9	92	9.4	463	47.0	153	15.5	91	9.2
May.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
June.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
July.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
August.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
September.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
October.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
November.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
December.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total Year.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..

### Failures by Size of Liabilities—Monthly—1954 to Date

1954	Total Number	Under \$5,000	% of Total	\$5,000 to \$25,000	% of Total	\$25,000 to \$100,000	% of Total	\$100,000 to \$1,000,000	% of Total	\$1,000,000 and Over	% of Total
January.....	867	134	15.5	427	49.2	249	28.7	55	6.3	2	0.3
February.....	926	119	12.8	458	49.5	271	29.3	73	7.9	5	0.5
March.....	1,102	144	13.1	558	50.6	296	26.9	102	9.2	2	0.2
April.....	975	148	15.2	514	52.7	242	24.8	67	6.9	4	0.4
May.....	943	149	15.8	482	51.1	243	25.8	66	7.0	3	0.3
June.....	965	119	12.3	497	51.5	268	27.8	78	8.1	3	0.3
July.....	856	123	14.4	457	53.4	208	24.3	68	7.9	..	..
August.....	912	138	15.1	472	51.8	232	25.4	70	7.7	..	..
September.....	819	121	14.8	400	48.8	231	28.2	63	7.7	4	0.5
October.....	871	150	17.2	447	51.3	220	25.3	53	6.1	1	0.1
November.....	933	143	15.3	491	52.6	236	25.3	60	6.5	3	0.3
December.....	917	152	16.6	437	47.6	250	27.3	74	8.1	4	0.4
Total Year.....	11,086	1,640	14.8	5,640	50.8	2,946	26.6	829	7.5	31	0.3
1955											
January.....	939	133	14.0	484	51.5	256	27.3	62	6.6	4	0.4
February.....	877	108	12.3	453	51.7	242	27.6	70	8.0	4	0.4
March.....	1,038	161	15.5	521	50.2	270	26.0	83	8.0	3	0.3
April.....	903	159	17.6	469	52.0	216	23.9	56	6.2	3	0.3
May.....	955	163	17.1	484	50.7	253	26.5	52	5.4	3	0.3
June.....	914	170	18.6	420	45.9	241	26.4	82	9.0	1	0.1
July.....	861	149	17.3	420	48.8	232	27.0	58	6.7	2	0.2
August.....	888	157	17.7	431	48.5	223	25.1	76	8.6	1	0.1
September.....	822	129	15.7	388	47.2	227	27.6	76	9.2	2	0.3
October.....	919	145	15.8	469	51.1	248	27.0	54	5.8	3	0.3
November.....	945	152	16.1	464	49.1	247	26.1	76	8.1	6	0.6
December.....	908	159	17.5	409	45.0	261	28.8	75	8.3	4	0.4
Total Year.....	10,969	1,785	16.3	5,412	49.3	2,916	26.6	820	7.5	36	0.3
1956											
January.....	1,048	178	17.0	490	46.7	303	28.9	73	7.0	4	0.4
February.....	1,024	159	15.5	468	45.7	282	27.5	110	10.8	5	0.5
March.....	1,170	184	15.7	594	50.8	303	25.9	86	7.3	3	0.3
April.....	985	137	13.9	489	49.7	279	28.3	76	7.7	4	0.4
May.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
June.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
July.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
August.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
September.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
October.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
November.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
December.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total Year.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..

